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# Unite App: Connecting Refugees and Locals

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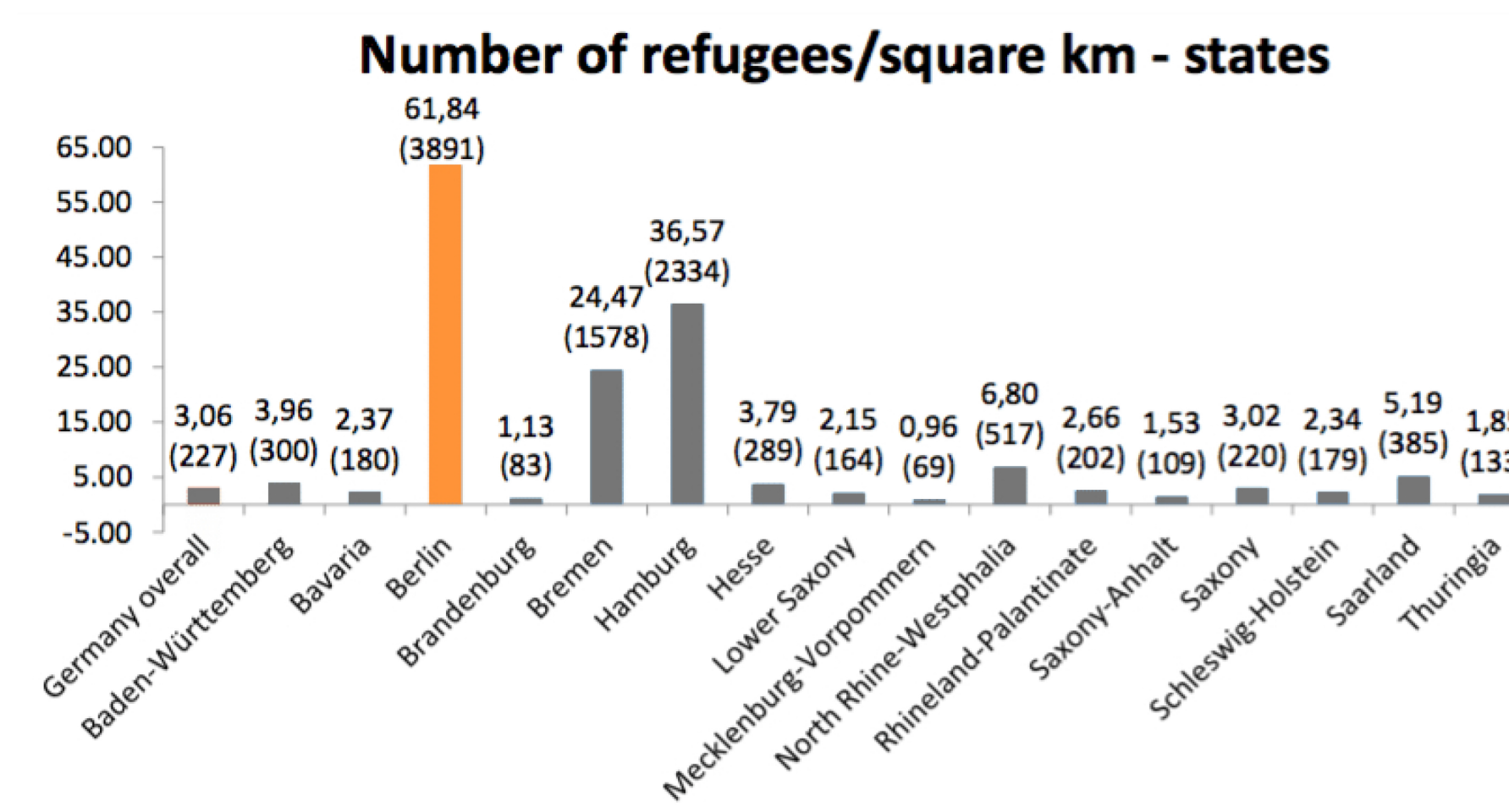
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THE PROCESS IN EUROPE TO RECEIVE ASYLUM AS A REFUGEE CAN TAKE UP TO 2 YEARS OR IN SOME CASES LONGER. DURING THIS WAITING PERIOD THE REFUGEES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE WORK OR LIVE ON THEIR OWN. THIS CAUSES RESTLESSNESS IN SHELTERS AND PREVENTS COMMUNITY INTEGRATION ON A PHYSICAL AS WELL AS A SOCIAL LEVEL.

AN APP AIMING TO HELP INTEGRATE REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS INTO COMMUNITIES THROUGH SOCIAL CONNECTIONS AND ASSISTANCE



IN 2016, **745,000** NEW ASYLUM APPLICATIONS WERE SUBMITTED IN GERMANY

**434,000** ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS WERE PENDING WAITING FOR APPROVAL

THIS AMOUNTS TO OVER **1,000,000** WAITING FOR ASYLUM WITH NO POSSIBILITIES TO WORK OR LIVING ON THEIR OWN. BERLIN ACCOMMODATES THE LARGEST PORTION OF REFUGEES IN GERMANY.

## USERS:

**Essam**

Country of Origin: Syria  
Languages: Arabic, English

Bio: Hi! I am an elementary school teacher of 10 years from Raqqa, Syria. I escaped Syria with my wife and our two children. Our home is not safe anymore and going back home would be life-threatening. I'm looking to connect with locals to learn about the culture and to better integrate to the community. I would also love to learn German.

Skills: Language teaching, painting houses, electrician work

NEW TO BERLIN

**Marvin**

Country of Origin: Germany  
Languages: German, English, Russian

Bio: Hi, my name is Marvin and I am a business consultant from Berlin. I would love to show around Berlin and teach you the language. I also have a spare room in my apartment if someone needs a temporary place to stay.

Skills: Teaching German

BERLIN RESIDENT

**Manal**

Country of Origin: Afghanistan  
Languages: Pashto, Arabic, German

Bio: Hi, I'm Manal! I am originally from Afghanistan but I've lived in Berlin for 5 years now, I was granted asylum after a long wait in 2012. I know German and Arabic pretty well, but only a little bit of English. Please let me know, if you would like to meet up, I could show you around and give you tips on how to start your new life here in Germany.

Skills: Looking after children, translating, tour guiding

3 YEARS IN BERLIN

## APP FUNCTIONS

